

Community of Christ

Lamoni Congregation: Growing Community

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February 24, 2008

Judy Badder, Ron Ellis, Stu Sherman, Co-pastors

9:30 a.m. Christian Education Classes
10:30 a.m. Fellowship and Visiting Time

Suffer, Endure, Hope

Interlude Kaylee Keefer
Communication Time Linda DeBarthe
Prelude Jack Ergo
Welcome Max Pitt

Sharing Christ's Peace

God, the Eternal Creator, weeps for the poor, displaced, mistreated, and diseased of the world because of their unnecessary suffering. Such conditions are not God's will. Open your eyes to hear the pleading of mothers and fathers in all nations who desperately seek a future of hope for their children. Do not turn away from them. For in their welfare resides your welfare. – Doctrine and Covenants 163:4a

*Opening Hymn *Instruments of Your Peace* SP 21
*Invocation Nicole Peidimonte
*Response

Call to Worship

Christ's message of hope and restoration for creation.

Let the educational and community development endeavors of the church equip people of all ages to carry the ethics of Christ's peace into all arenas of life. Prepare new generations of disciples to bring fresh vision to bear on the perplexing problems of poverty, disease, war, and environmental deterioration. Their contributions will be multiplied if their hearts are focused on God's will for creation. – Doctrine and Covenants 163:4c

Jesus said, "The water that I will give will become. . . a spring of water gushing up to eternal power" -- John 4:14

Choral Call to Worship *Mourning into Dancing* Lamoni Choir

Disciples' Generous Response
My Nicaraguan Experience Kevin Higdon
Our Outreach International Club Experience Nelda Kerr

Blessing and Receiving of Tithes

Offertory Hymn *Brothers and Sisters of Mine* HS 388

"Suffer, Endure, Hope" Matthew Naylor

Choral Response *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Lamoni Choir
Jeannie Lussier, Flute

In all of your efforts, therefore, continue to trust in my grace and respond in love to the leadings of my Spirit. If you will come before me in unity and love I will bless you with great outpouring of compassion, both for one another and for the world into which you are sent. Amen.
-- Doctrine and Covenants 157:17

*Closing Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory* HS 419
*Benediction Stu Sherman
*Postlude

Pianist: Jack Ergo
Ushers: Dayle Robinson, Dale Moon, Audrey Money
A/V: Richard Jackel
Bell Ringer: Mitch Foster
Greeters: Bob & Jerie Gail Ramsey
Worship Center: Deb Etcheson

Administration Available

Elders will be available after Sunday services for anyone desiring administration to the sick. For those desiring administration, please see one of the elders in front of the rostrum after the morning worship service.

Birthday Greetings to:

Joe Badder	Feb. 26
Diana Stevenson	Feb. 26
Charles Manuel	Feb. 27
Betty Eberly	Feb. 27
Velma Ruch	Feb. 28
Mary Johnson	Feb. 29

Upcoming Events

Wed. Feb. 27	7:00 p.m.	Prayer & Share – Paula O’Neal
	8:15 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Thurs. Feb. 28	7:00 p.m.	Book of Mormon class at Joan Green’s
Sun. March 2	9:30 a.m.	Church School
	10:40 a.m.	Communication Time – Bob Mesle Interlude – Karli Conrad-Davis Communion – Alma Blair speaking

Our Mission

The Lamoni congregation is part of the worldwide Community of Christ that proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ and builds communities of joy, hope, love and peace. Endeavoring to seek and implement God's will for our congregation, we identify four focus areas:

1. We will develop inclusive ministries that bring us closer to God in personal and corporate worship and through meaningful fellowship with each other.
2. We will build bridges with newcomers in our community and to others who have no church home to share the love of God and welcome them in Lamoni and in our congregation.
3. We will strengthen our understanding of the foundational religious beliefs that define our relationship to God, to our past, to the church, and to each other.
4. We will continue our efforts to discern the will of God and to implement those insights in our personal and congregational lives as we seek to establish His kingdom "on earth as it is in Heaven."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Those providing ministry today include:

Becky Long – Bloomington Charles Manuel – Mt. Ayr
Charlee Redick – Lamoni Nursing and Rehab

Next Sunday

Alma Blair will bring our Communion message next Sunday. We will worship with the theme, "Prepare a Table." We hope you will join us as we share together in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Invite your friends to come and share with us as well. If you need a ride to church, call Barb Daily (784-6141), Clarence Snethen (784-3997) or the church (784-4405) on Sunday morning.

Aaronic Priesthood Cluster meeting

Today, at 3:00 p.m. Aaronic priesthood from the Southern Cluster of the Lamoni Heartland Mission Center (includes Lamoni) will meet at the Lamoni Church to lay the foundation for when and where future meetings will be held and to gain some insight into the needs of our Aaronic ministers. All Aaronic priesthood members are urged to attend.

Senior High Youth

Senior High Youth will gather at 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening, February 29th, at the Lamoni Church to attend a Des Moines Buccaneers Hockey Game at 7:00 p.m. Bring money for supper and invite a friend. Any questions, please contact Cherie Hensley or Julie Elliott.

Easter Lilies

Easter lilies to decorate the sanctuary will be available for \$10 each. You may take yours home after the Easter service. Please contact Carol Hough (784-3442) before Monday, March 10th. We will print remembrances in the bulletin if you wish.

For Your March Calendar:

The Shaw Center is hosting a Restoration Hymn Festival on Sunday evening, March 30, at 7:00 p.m. Dick Clothier and David Pickering, organist, will lead the assembly in singing hymns of the early Saints. Monologues by actors portraying hymn authors and others will be presented under the direction of Rebecca Foster. All are invited to attend.

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Juniors Youth Activity

All 3rd through 5th graders are invited to attend the 3rd annual Silly Supper Theatre on Wednesday, March 5th at the Lamoni church. Dinner will be served promptly at 5:30pm and the event will conclude by 7:30pm. Please RSVP to Stu Sherman no later than March 3rd. See you there!

Lamoni Food Pantry

The Lamoni Food Pantry is in need of the following items: spaghetti sauce, fruit and vegetable drinks, all kinds of crackers, peanut butter, boxed meals (such as Hamburger Helper or Tuna Helper), shampoo and hand lotions. Thank you so much for your generosity.

“A Balanced Meal”

The Outreach International Club at Graceland University is hosting a community wide event entitled “A Balanced Meal.” The dinner is both a poverty awareness raising event and benefit dinner for Outreach International. Outreach International is an anti-poverty organization committed to bringing sustainable good in underdeveloped nations through a process of community building and empowerment. Their mission is to “help the poor help themselves.” Tickets for the benefit dinner are \$15 and are available at the Linden Street Coffee House, HyVee, Living Arts Studios, Varsity Drug, and Bank of the West. “A Balanced Meal” will take place at the Lamoni Methodist Church on March 7th at 6:30pm. It is an experience recommended for ages high school and above. Contact Stephen Donahoe (donahoe@graceland.edu) or Lisa Ash (lash@graceland.edu) for more information.

Attention Young Adults!

Please mark Sunday, March 2nd from 6:00pm to 7:30pm on your calendar! The Alley is booked, the pizza will be hot and free, and free childcare be provided! Children may be dropped off at the Lamoni church and will be fed and supervised by adult leaders and area youth. Adults will eat and have a brainstorming session for future young adult activities! Please call Judy Badder at 784-3738 to RSVP for childcare and pizza headcount. Hope to see you there!